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(Case No. 213.003)

In the Application of: **YE, ET AL.**) Group Art Unit: **2857**
Serial No: **10/677,563**)
Filed: **OCTOBER 2, 2003**)
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING**)
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT FABRICATION)

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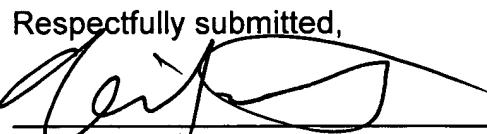
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Title: **Method and Apparatus for Monitoring**
Integrated Circuit Fabrication)

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicants note the Examiner's reasons for allowance. No inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants believe that the Examiner's reasons for allowance are the only reasons the claims are patentable. Indeed, the Examiner's statements focus on an independent claim and no mention is made with respect to other independent claims as well as the dependent claims, which include other and/or additional inventive aspects. Thus, Applicants interpret the Examiner's statement to be in no way exhaustive -- whether relative to the independent claims or the dependent claims.

Moreover, although Applicants agree with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the inventions, as claimed herein, are patentable over the prior art, as described in the above-referenced application, there are many inventions described and illustrated therein.

Indeed, other inventions described and illustrated in the application may or may not include one, some or all of the features set forth in the Examiner's statement.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Steinberg".

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